

Community Perspectives Project

- Overview of Project
- Findings
- Discussion

WILDERNESS INNER-CITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



- Leadership program
- Improving community
- Environmental Justice
- Multilingual outreach
- Intergenerational programming!

What is the Community Perspectives Project?

- Consisted of three parts:
 - Photovoice
 - ComNETsm surveys
 - Community interviews

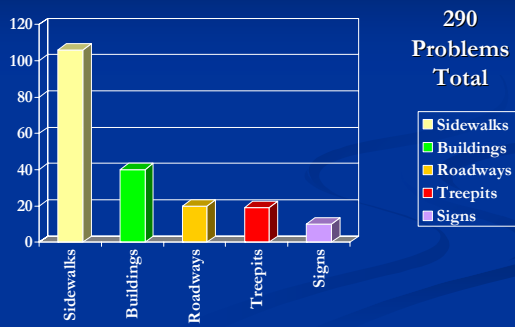


Why did we do it?

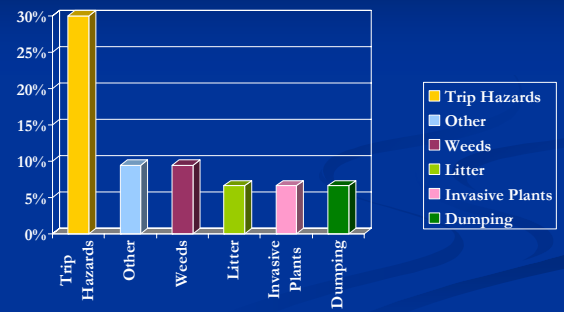


- Youth and elder voices were not being heard
- Greater knowledge can lead to positive change
- Historically, we have been ignored and left out of decision making processes
- An elder's perspective: Siew Chai Ming

Which neighborhood features have the most problems ?



Sidewalk Problems



**TRIP
HAZARDS**

**Bird Feces
Graffiti
Weeds**



VACANT & SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS



OVERFLOWING DUMPSTERS



Culture History Resources



PEOPLE!



Community Recommendations:

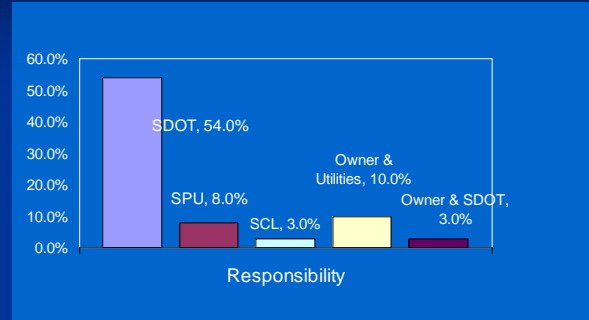
- Litter
 - Quarterly Clean Ups
 - Community educational outreach
 - What can we recycle?
 - What can we throw away?
 - Working with Apartment Managers
 - Monitoring recycling at apartment buildings

Community Recommendations:

■ Public Safety

- Community education
 - Classes for community members on tips to keep themselves safe
 - Creation of multi-language posters displaying public safety information
- Volunteer neighborhood watch

Incidents per City Agency



Community & City Meeting Results

- Established relationships
- Idea: Multilingual outreach about personal health and neighborhood litter (Public Health);
- Idea: Multilingual outreach to residents about pedestrian safety (DOT);

Did we achieve our goals?

- Engaged community in dialogue and neighborhood action;
- Used culturally and language appropriate methods;
- Helped community understand city processes;
- Developing new and innovative partnerships;
- Identifying new resources for the community.



Let's Build On Success...

- Promote this as a model in other communities;
- Continue and expand the use of this model within the International District;
- Continue the dialogue with city agencies and policy makers.

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